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**SUPERVISED  
DIVERSIONARY  
PROGRAM**

# BACKGROUND

- 54-56/ (Effective Oct. 1, 2008): Created a diversionary program that combines mental health treatment with probation supervision for defendants with psychiatric disabilities.
- Psychiatric disability is defined as a mental or emotional condition, other than solely substance abuse, that has substantial adverse effects on the defendant's ability to function and requires care and treatment \*

\* Per CGS 54-56/

# OVERVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Defendant must be amenable to treatment and supervision (CSSD)**
- **Not more than 1 prior use of the SDP (CSSD)**
- **Excluded charges are consistent with provision set forth in the statute pertaining to Pretrial Accelerated Rehabilitation, 54-56e sub. (c) (CSSD) -- \*crimes or violations are not of a serious nature.**
- **Client found to have a psychiatric disability who would benefit from treatment. (CSSD will refer to appropriate provider – can be CSSD's Contracted Provider)**

**\* CGS**

# ELIGIBILITY

- **The mental health provider will determine if the defendant has a psychiatric disability requiring treatment**
- **The provider will provide treatment recommendations for all eligible clients**
- **CSSD staff will inform the court of the eligibility status/ recommendations for treatment**

# STATISTICS

- **Applications** **627**
- **Investigations** **468**
  - **Pending** **166**
  - **Denied \ Withdrawn** **60**
  - **Granted** **242**
- **Approximately 50 additional Investigations are ordered each month, an increase of 50% from program inception**

# OUTCOMES

- **Active Clients** 233
- **Successful Completions** 6
- **Unsuccessful Completions** 3
- **All program participants will be followed for recidivism**

# Other Pretrial Mental Health Initiatives

- ASIST at seven (7) AIC's
- Jail Re-Interview
- Jail Diversion (DMHAS)
- CREST (DMHAS)

